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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

: L. DUMOUTIER, et al.

Serial No.

Divisional of 09/419,568

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Herewith

For

ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WHICH ENCODE T

CELL INDUCIBLE FACTORS (TIFs), THE PROTEINS

ENCODED, AND USES THEREOF

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December 29, 2000

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 2: after "is" add -- a continuation of Serial No. 09/419,568, filed October 18, 1999, which is --

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 17 and 20-49 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18 & 19 are pending. These relate to subject matter not allowed in the parent case.

Respectfully submitted,

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